

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Growing Together

On Sunday, October 30, our congregation will have much to hold in our hearts in our life together in Christ Jesus. The liturgy and events of this Lord's Day will take us through covenant promises in baptism, the fellowship of new members in the confessing Body of Christ, and remembrances of those who have entered into eternal rest in Christ Jesus.

We are very glad to share with the whole church that this coming Sunday, October 30, nine new members will join our church during the 11:30 Spanish service by Reaffirmation of Faith, adult baptism, and Profession of Faith. All who wish to witness this special day are welcome to join, and English translation of the spoken parts of the service will be provided via audio headsets.

Consistory Update

Dear Friends,

Last week the governing board of the Third Reformed Church met for the monthly meeting. We had a light agenda but a meaningful agenda. Pastor Ryan opened the meeting with a reading of Psalm 46 and prayer. After receiving reports of the committees that met, the consistory approved the calling of a congregational meeting on November 13th, at 4pm in the TRC sanctuary. This will be a meeting that will give the congregation an opportunity to learn about and engage in four topics—the new themes in the vision document we received, a facilities update including more information on the HVAC, our current financial picture, and a conversation about future finances here at TRC. The motion was approved, setting the meeting for November 13, 2022 at 4pm.

Next the consistory heard about a draft proposal that has come to TRC from one of our Holland area partners. This proposal would help us minister to new persons coming to the Holland area from other countries. Consistory was simply informed and the pastors were encouraged to find out more information in order to continue the conversation.

Finally, the consistory took up the motion that it was presented with last month to: **approve the use of Intergroup Dialogue at TRC for the purpose of engaging conversations regarding LGBTQIA+ persons with the expressed goal of understanding and listening to one another. This process will begin in January 2023.** There was discussion about the format and timeline of these groups as well as clarification of the goal of these groups which is listening and understanding. The consistory has hired Elissa Lappinga to help us in this work. More information will be provided in the coming week.

The meeting closed in prayer.



Your participation in the congregational meeting in person is our hope, but we know that sometimes people aren't able to make it out. Therefore, if you need to join the meeting by Zoom, please mail office@trcholland.org and an invitation link to the meeting will be sent to you on the 12th of November.

RCA Global Mission Celebration at TRC this Thursday

This gathering will be hosted by Rev. Janelle López-Koolhaas, Rev. Ángel López, Rev. Dr. Vern Sterk, and Carla Sterk. There will also be a time for the RCA team and our missionary partners to share stories of how God has used your generosity to change the world. There will be a time for Q&A and also a light reception following the programming. This event is free and open to everyone, however they would appreciate if you register so they know the number of people to expect.

Yes! Trips are back! To learn all about them contact Hunter Brumels, hunter.brumels@trcholland.org



This month we want to highlight another book on display in our church library, *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby. Many members of Third studied this book together during Lent, 2021 and JET (Third's Justice and Equity Team) grew out of that discussion. Tisby lays out three steps: Awareness, Relationships, and Commitment. He then gives specific examples of how to approach each step in this progression. As stated in its subtitle, this book encourages "Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice."

Announcements

Sunday Morning Education Series

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GROWING IN GOD, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

Rev. Dr. Jill Ver Steeg, President and CEO of Evergreen Commons

Jill has extensive experience as a pastor of a large congregation in Des Moines, Iowa, as well her former work in executive leadership in the Reformed Church in America. She is passionate about discipleship and lifelong learning, and will share about her own hopes and reflections on always growing in God, through Christ Jesus.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything. A study with Rev. Dr. George Hunsberger.

This study takes place in room 22 on the lower level.

Micro-Pantry Needs

The Micro-Pantry continues to be in great need of the following items:

Canned spaghetti sauce

Canned stews, Soups, Canned fruits, Canned Potatoes, Cereal, Toilet paper

Paper towel, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Hand wipes , Snack items

Christmas Program Sign UP

It's nearly that time of year again! The TRC Christmas Program 2022 will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m., and that is right around the corner! We would love to know if you or a student in your life would like to be a part of it! Please contact Reghan Harms if you are interested by 10/28, for the play's format will be determined by the number of responses.

Please fill in your email address and your student's name. There is also a spot to share any information that you or your student wants to share.

Rehearsal Dates and Times:

- Sunday, November 6, 10:15-11am (During Young Levites)
- Sunday, November 20, 10:15-11am (During Young Levites)
- Sunday, December 4, 10:15-11am (During Young Levites)
- Saturday, December 17, 9-11am
- Sunday, December 18, 10:15-11am (During Young Levites)

Third Church Family News

Sympathy to the family and friends of Herb Dakin, who passed away this week. Services will be held this Friday at 1:00 PM here at Third.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Prayers of comfort for the family of Herb Dakin who died this week.
 - Those recuperating:
- Kelly Pasatta
- Ed and Jane Westerbeke dealing with COVID.
- Jasmine Leal who is dealing with pain and an infection after the birth of her son.
- Stan Witteveen who is recuperating from a successful surgery.
- Those in Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos and Lois Jalving.
- For volunteers to drive to immigration appointments.
- For the Harvest Party on October 26.

For the Global Mission Celebration on October 27.

Remember in our prayers: Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Don Maatman, Larry Loss, Lucille Schroeder, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Betty Van Wyngarden, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Tom Norman.

Prayer Spotlight: The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, Mary Heide-
man, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy.

Missionaries: Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).